

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8 and 9 have been amended to delete the references to formula (2). No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested, Claims 1-42 will be pending, of which Claims 2, 12-22 and 31-42 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Response to Claim Rejections Under §112

Claims 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

As noted, Claims 6, 8 and 9 have been amended to delete the references to formula (2). Thus, Claims 6-9 meet all of the requirements of §112. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Response to Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1, 3-11 and 23-30 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-27 of copending Application No. 10/573,839.

Additionally, Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11 and 23-25 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 11/572,513.

Since the above rejections are provisional, based upon pending patent Applications, Applicants elect to defer addressing the merits of these provisional rejections.

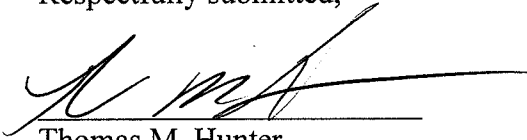
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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